

Project: Federal Excise Taxes (FET)

Overview:

Meeting held on Friday, May 14 in Washington, D.C.

Discussed present status of timing on health-care reform and status of task force projects.

Project: ETS

Note: All ETS projects discussed below and additional work on such projects are pending subject to decisions regarding litigation.

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We will continue developing materials and reviewing opportunities.

APCO continuing outreach efforts, including one-on-one meetings w/industry and a planned mass mailing to 15-20 industries in 15-20 states, which will focus on smaller businesses. Outreach to scientific community has been successful; outreach to industry reflects great interest, but no firm commitment yet.

Task force discussed upcoming environmental conferences.

VII. Miscellaneous

- o RJR employees (mainstream factory folks) about 1,600 -- on their own time and money -- took bus trip to D.C. to demonstrate against proposed excise tax increase. Received good press coverage.

- o B-M developing industry response for announcement day.

VII. Miscellaneous

- o Keep tabs on dates for Traficant hearings on smoking ban in federal buildings and Rose hearings.

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